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IN THE MATTER OF NAVOPACHE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE'S CONVERSION FROM SELF-GOVERNED CHARITABLE PROGRAM TO SUBSIDIZE LOW-INCOME MEMBERS SALVATION ARMY SHARE **PROGRAM** 

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NOTICE OF CONVERSION OF **CHARITABLE PROGRAM TO** SALVATION ARMY "SHARE" **PROGRAM** 

Navopache Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("NEC" or the "Cooperative"), having established the Roundup Charitable Trust, Inc. in 2003 (the "Roundup Program") for the purpose of allowing members to voluntarily contribute funds to be used to assist in the payment of utility bills of low-income cooperative members now desires to transfer the management of the Roundup Program to a program administered by the Salvation Army ("SA"). SA's program (known as "SHARE") is presently used by other utilities, notably Arizona Public Service and Southwest Gas Corporation. The benefit to Navopache for the conversion of the Roundup Program to SHARE is SA will undertake the program without any charge to the Cooperative and without incurring any administrative expenses with the funds turned over by the Cooperative.

The logistics of the Roundup Program are as follows: The Cooperative provides an opportunity to its members to contribute, along with the payment of monthly utility bills,

any amount the cooperative member wishes to make to help less fortunate individuals pay their bills. The funds collected and deposited into the Roundup Charitable Trust, Inc. account.

Select officers of the Cooperative also serve as officers for the Cooperative's charitable trust and review requests and applications by underprivileged individuals and families for assistance. This entire process will now be handled by the SA. Personnel of SHARE will now handle the logistics of the charitable program and the Cooperative will still collect the funds for turnover to SHARE. APS' and Southwest Gas Corporation's participation in the SHARE program underscores SHARE's high reputation and the trust other utility companies have in SHARE. By placing this charitable program under the control of the SA, Navopache intends to dissolve the Roundup Charitable Trust, Inc. entity.

The Cooperative gives notice to the Arizona Corporation Commission of this conversion and believes that no action is necessary, unless Staff desires further information or wishes to conduct any form of a hearing on the matter.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this  $\mathcal{I}^{\mathcal{H}}$  day of November, 2009.

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